

CLAIMS

1. A sensing apparatus comprising:
a transmission line for propagating an
5 electromagnetic wave therethrough; and
a detection means for detecting propagation
state of the electromagnetic wave at an arbitrary
location on the transmission line,
wherein an interaction between an object
10 disposed in the vicinity of the transmission line and
the electromagnetic wave is detected.
2. The sensing apparatus according to claim 1,
further comprising an electromagnetic wave generating
means.
- 15 3. The sensing apparatus according to claim 2,
wherein the transmission line and the electromagnetic
wave generating means are disposed on a same
substrate.
4. The sensing apparatus according to claim 2,
20 wherein the electromagnetic wave generating means is
of a current-injection type.
5. The sensing apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein the detection means comprises a thin-line-
shaped probe.
- 25 6. The sensing apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein the detection means comprises a probe with a
tip of a diameter which is not more than 1/10 of a

wavelength of a propagating electromagnetic wave.

7. The sensing apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein the detection means detects the propagation
state on the transmission line at a plurality of
5 locations.

8. The sensing apparatus according to claim 7,
wherein the detection means detects the propagation
state of the electromagnetic wave at the plurality of
locations by changing a relative positional
10 relationship between the detection means and the
transmission line by scanning.

9. The sensing apparatus according to claim 7,
wherein the detection means that detects the
propagation state of the electromagnetic wave at the
15 plurality of locations comprises an electrooptic
crystal.

10. The sensing apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein the transmission line is provided with a
resonance structure for confining a propagating
20 electromagnetic wave.

11. A sensing apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein the electromagnetic wave has a frequency
within the range of 30 GHz to 30 THz.

12. A sensing apparatus comprising:
25 a transmission line for propagating an
electromagnetic wave therethrough;

a detection means for detecting propagation

state of the electromagnetic wave through the
transmission line; and

a flow path disposed in the vicinity of the
transmission line, for allowing an object to move
5 therein,

wherein an interaction between the object and
the electromagnetic wave is detected.

13. The sensing apparatus according to claim 12,
wherein the detection means is provided at a
10 plurality of locations.

14. The sensing apparatus according to claim 12,
wherein the electromagnetic wave has a frequency
within the range of 30 GHz to 30 THz.